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Defendant's Name: Bret Crippen
Age: 27
City and State of residence: Sioux City, IA
Criminal File Number: 16-198
Violation Date: May 15, 2016
Information Date: June 1, 2016
Charges: Ct. 1) Aggravated Assault, SDCL 22-18-1.1(8), (F3); and
Ct. 2) Simple Assault, (M1);
Ct. 3) Contributing to the Abuse, Neglect or Delinquency of a Child,
SDCL 26-9-1, (M1);
Ct. 4) Intentional Damage to Property, SDCL 22-34-1(2), (M2).
Arresting Officer(s): Chief Chris Dotty ~ Alcester PD;
Officer Nick Fahlberg ~ Beresford PD; and
Chief Deputy Mike Bucholz ~ UC Sheriff's Office
Defendant's Attorney: Jason Rumpca
Prosecuting Attorney: Alexis Tracy

Case Synopsis:

Bret Crippen lived with his victim in Alcester during the time of the offense. On May 15, 2016, law enforcement responded to a call of a barefoot female wearing a white t-shirt with blood stains on it, running from one neighbor's residence to another and through the alley looking for someone to help her. The victim identified Bret Crippen had attacked her with a piece of glass and reported that Crippen "was trying to kill her."

The law enforcement report identifies that Crippen and his girlfriend had gotten into a verbal argument. Crippen was asked to leave the residence, however, Crippen forced his girlfriend onto the bed and began to strangle her with both hands around her neck. Crippen's girlfriend broke free from him, but was attacked again, according to the victim's statements to law enforcement. Crippen caught his girlfriend in the living room and punched her several times in the face. Crippen reportedly took a piece of glass from the front door that was broken earlier in the verbal altercation and began to cut himself. Crippen's cutting himself was believed to have been done to suggest that he had been assaulted by his girlfriend. Law Enforcement observed marks and abrasions on Crippen's girlfriend consistent with being strangled and struck multiple times.

Original Sentencing Synopsis:

On September 26, 2016, the Court sentenced Bret Crippen to a ten-year sentence to the SD state penitentiary and suspended seven years. Crippen's sentence was to begin

immediately. Crippen received 49 days' credit for the time that he spent incarcerated prior to sentencing. Crippen is also required to pay \$104 in Court Costs; \$10 in Prosecution Costs; \$25 toward the Domestic Violence Fund; Restitution to his victim in the amount of \$216 dollars; and \$956.80 to the county for his Court Appointed Attorney Fees.

Criminal History:

This is Bret Crippen's third career felony conviction.

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